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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 6,522,482 to NOMURA et al., which issued on February 18, 2003; and

Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 9-61693, which published on March 7, 1997, together corresponding U.S. patent family member U.S. 5,739,963 to KATO, which issued on April 14, 1998.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite the above documents.

Copies of the above-noted documents have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of this document.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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